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STRIKES BY TELECOM EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether approximately four lakh telecom employees of the entire country went on an indefinite strike on 6th September, 2000 ;

(b) if so, the details of their demands ;

(c) the action taken/ being taken by the Government in regard to the demands of employees ; and

(d) the total losses suffered by the Government as a result thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) : On a call given by the three staff Federations, the Group C & D Telecom employees launched an indefinite strike on 6th September, 2000 for settlement of issues connected with the proposed corporatisation of Department of Telecom Services/ Department of Telecom Operations w.e.f. 1st October, 2000.

(c) After negotiations with the Federations one of the Federations called off the strike on 6th September, 2000 itself and the other two Federations withdrew their strike on 8th September, 2000 after signing an agreement with the official side in regard to their demands..

(d) Most of the exchanges being automatic, the Telecom services were not severely affected and the loss as a result of the strike was minimal.